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Animas River Health Advisory

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has collected and analyzed water quality and sediment from the Animas River. The data indicates that the river has returned to stable conditions that are below what would be a concern for human health during typical recreational exposure.

The San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD) concurs with CDPHE findings, and advises that there are no adverse health effects from exposure to the water and sediment during normal recreational use (incidental or limited exposure). SJBHD advises the public to avoid areas with orange sediment or discolored standing water. Further, anyone coming in contact with any orange sediment or discolored standing water should wash with soap and water.

CDPHE will continue to test water and sediment routinely and will respond quickly to any potential issues. Visit the [CDPHE website](#) for data and updates. SJBHD will remain in contact with CDPHE and will provide any updates and public health recommendations as necessary.